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EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the major fruits and vegetables being exported from India and to which countries;

(b) the fruits and vegetables exported during each of the last three years till date and the revenue earned therefrom, fruits and vegetable-wise;

(c) the first ten States who score high position in export of fruits and vegetables alongwith the percentage share of each State in total export of fruits and vegetables;

(d) the specific incentives being given to the growers of these States keeping in view to increase the exports of fruits and vegetables;

(e) whether import of fruits and vegetables have also shown a remarkable progress during the above period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : The major fruits exported from India are fresh mangoes and grapes and dried walnuts. Other fresh fruits exported include pomegranates, Chikkoo, Papaya, Apple, Custard Apple, Guava, Melon and Pineapple.Onion forms the major share of export of vegetables. Other vegetables exported include potatoes, tomatoes, mushroom, cabbage, cucumber, gherkins, capsicum, broccoli, asparagus and lettuce. The major markets for Indian fruits and vegetables are the Middle East, Europe and South East Asian countries. The revenue earned from the exports of fruits and vegetables during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 (April to September 2000) are as follows:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01(Apr.- Sep.2000)
Fruits	257.47	288.22	140.11
Vegetables	278.38	353.27	212.51

(c) : State-wise export statistics is not maintained. However, from the available information, the States which are mainly involved in the export of fruits and vegetables are Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jammu and Kashmir and Kerala.

(d) : The Government has been encouraging the exports of horticultural products such as fruits and vegetables through various support and assistance measures which are applicable to all the States in the country. These measures include the following:

(i) Providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, trainings and publicity, rejuvenation of old orchards, area expansion, supply of minikits for vegetables, improving productivity and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone fruits;

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, and strengthening of quality control including installation of latest ISO 9000/HACCP systems at export units;

(iii) Grant of air freight subsidy for export of selected fresh vegetables and fresh fruits;

(iv) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially mangoes in overseas markets. Research efforts are on for the use of modern technologies such as Controlled/Modified Atmosphere technologies in transportation for increasing the shelf-life of perishable products such as fresh fruits;

(v) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions;

(vi) Setting up of integrated cargo handling and cold storage facilities at various International Airports for handling export of perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables;

(vii) Providing technical advisory services and other support services to, trade and industry including training of farmers for export production, quality control packaging, transport, etc.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.